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COGEN SAYS THAT NEA GETS FUNDS FROM CIA

FLOYD KALBER: "The president of the American Federation of Teachers charged, in Chicago, today, that the National Education Association, which is a rival teachers group, was among many of the organizations that received money from the Central Intelligence Agency.

He then demanded that the NEA open its books and reveal the extent of that support. Cogen was then asked if such aid could have resulted in the NEA members working in spy work overseas.

CHARLES COGEN: "We have no evidence but, we do have some evidence that has appeared in the papers from time to time. Students and professors being arrested abroad. They have been involved in espionage but, in this situation, I'm afraid, might do us alot of harm, casting suspicion on any activity our students and teachers may engage in."

FLOYD KALBER: "But, the president of the Chicago chapter of the NEA, James McElhaney, said that his groups books have already been audited and rejected request for another audit and he said this about Cogen's claim."

JAMES McELHANEY: "We resent the implications in his claim and we think it is highly unprofessional. It is a cheap publicity stunt in which they are trying to get publicity at the expense of a great teachers organization."